

in distress shall be passed through the draw of each bridge as soon as possible.

(b) The owners of the bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be placed on the bridge so that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

§ 117.643 Pine River (St. Clair).

The draw of the S29 bridge, mile 0.1 at St. Clair, shall open on signal from April 1 through November 30 from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the hour and one-half hour. From December 1 through March 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw as soon as possible.

§ 117.645 River Rouge.

The draws of the Jefferson Avenue bridge, mile 1.1, and the Fort Street bridge, mile 2.2, both at Detroit, shall open on signal from December 16 through March 14 and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays from March 15 through December 15. On Monday through Friday from March 15 through December 15, the draws shall open on signal from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4:40 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. The draws need not be opened at all other times. Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, and vessels in distress shall be passed through each draw as soon as possible.

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§ 117.647 Saginaw River.

(a) The draws of the Detroit and Mackinac railroad bridge, mile 2.5 at Bay City, and the Conrail railroad bridge, mile 4.4 at Bay City, shall open on signal; except that, from December 16 through March 15, the draws shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(b) The draws of the Belinda Street (Independence) bridge, mile 3.3, Veterans Memorial bridge, mile 5.0, and Lafayette Street bridge, mile 6.2, all in Bay City, shall open on signal from March 16 through December 15, except as follows:

(1) From 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays observed in the locality, the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels of less than 50 gross tons.

(2) From 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. except on Sundays and Federal holidays, the draws need not be opened for the passage of downbound vessels of over 50 gross tons.

(3) From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draws of the Belinda Street and Lafayette Street bridges need not be opened for the passage of pleasure craft except from three minutes before to three minutes after the hour and half hour.

(4) From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draws of the Veterans Memorial bridge need not be opened for the passage of pleasure craft, except from three minutes before to three minutes after the quarter hour and three quarter hour.

(5) From December 16 through March 15, the draws of these bridges shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(c) The draw of the Sixth Avenue bridge, mile 17.1 at Saginaw, shall open on signal from April 1 through November 15 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given.

(d) The draw of the CSX railroad bridge, mile 18.0, need not be opened for the passage of vessels. The owner shall return the draw to an operable condition within a reasonable time when directed by the District Commander to do so.

(e) The draw of the Grand Trunk Western railroad bridge, mile 19.2, need

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not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.651 St. Joseph River.

The draws of the US33 (Blossomland) bridge, mile 0.9, and the BL-94 (Bicentennial) bridge, mile 1.3, both at St. Joseph, shall be operated as follows:

(a) From March 1 through May 14, from October 1 through December 15, and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. from May 15 through September 30, the draws shall open on signal.

(b) From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 15 through September 30, the draw of the Blossomland bridge need be opened only from three minutes before to three minutes after the hour and half hour, and the draw of the Bicentennial bridge need be opened only from three minutes before to three minutes after the quarter and three-quarter hour.

(c) From December 16 through the last day of February, the draw of both bridges shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(d) Public vessels of the United States, state and local government vessels used for public safety, commercial vessels, and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw of both bridges as soon as possible.

§ 117.653 St. Mary's Falls Canal.

The draw of the International Railway bridge, mile 1.0 at Sault Ste. Marie, shall be maintained in the fully open position during the navigation season, except for the crossings of trains or for maintenance. Bridge operators shall not give precedence to railway traffic and shall not close the bridge against an upbound vessel after lock gates are open and the vessel is proceeding toward the bridge, nor against a downbound vessel, 1,200 feet or less west of the bridge, unless the vessel is moored at either canal pier awaiting its turn to take position at lock approaches.

§ 117.655 Thunder Bay River.

The draw of the Second Avenue bridge, mile 0.3 at Alpena, shall open on signal if at least three hours notice

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is given to the Dispatcher, Police Department, City of Alpena, Michigan.

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§ 117.661 Duluth Ship Canal (Duluth-Superior Harbor).

The draw of the Duluth Ship Canal bridge, mile 0.1 at Duluth, shall open on signal; except that, from January 1 through March 15, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. The opening signal is one prolonged blast, one short blast, one prolonged blast, one short blast. If the Duluth Ship Canal Bridge is disabled, the bridge authorities shall give incoming and outgoing vessels timely and dependable notice, by tug service if necessary, so that the vessels do not attempt to enter the canal. Vessels shall be given precedence over highway or railway traffic at all times.

§ 117.663 Minnesota River.

The draws of bridges above LeSueur need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.665 Red River of the North.

The draws of the bridges need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.667 St. Croix River.

(a) The draws of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Bridge, Mile 0.2, and the U.S. 16-61 bridge, Mile 0.3, at Prescott, and the Union Pacific railroad bridge, Mile 17.3, at Hudson, shall open on signal; except that, from December 15 through March 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(b) The draw of the S36 Bridge Mile 23.4, at Stillwater, shall open on signal as follows:

(1) From May 15 through October 15, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from:

(i) 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., every hour on the hour;

(ii) 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., every half hour;

(iii) 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.;